# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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PRODUCTION OF TOBACCO
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

(a) the area, production and productivity of different varieties of tobacco along with the number of farm holidays during each of the last three years, State-wise and variety-wise;

(b) whether the tobacco growers are not getting remunerative prices for their produces;

(c) if so, the steps being planned to provide tobacco growers with remunerative prices;

(d) whether minimum support prices fixed by the Government for different varieties of tobacco are much less than the cost of production of tobacco for which Tobaco Board has been taking resort to minimum guarantee prices;

(e) if so, the amount of minimum support price, minimum guarantee price and actual prices available to the growers during each of the last three years;

(f) whether Tobacco Board is looking after various stages from production to auction of all varieties of tobacco;

(g) if so, the details thereof;

(h) whether Tobacco Board has any regional office in Orissa;

(i) if not, whether the Board is considering to open its Regional Branch in Orissa; and

(j) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a): The data on the area, production and productivity on various varieties of tobacco is attached. The data on Flue Cured Virginia (FCV) tobacco is for the years 1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2001-02 while that on non-FCV tobacco is for 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000.

(b) & (c) : Producers of Flue Cured Virginia (FCV) tobacco are generally getting remunerative prices for their produce, with the average price realisation being higher than the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) fixed by GovernmentGovernment, through the Tobacco Board, attempts to help the growers get remunerative prices through steps like regulating production, conduct of auctions, monitoring of purchases by the domestic manufacturers and exporters etc.

(d): An MSP is announced every yearfor FCV tobacco alone.This MSP is fixed on the basis of the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices, which takes into account all relevant factors before submitting its report.In addition, the interests of the growers are safeguarded through the mechanism of the Minimum Guaranteed Price (MGP), a negotiated price fixed by the Tobacco Board after consultation with the traders and growers.

(e): Details of MSP, MGP and average price realised over the past three years are as follows :

| Year | MSP | MGP | Average Price | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Andhra Pradesh | Karnataka |
| 1999-2000 | F2-25L2-27 29.50 | - | 36 39.50 | 32.13 | 42.07 |
| 2000-01 | F2-26L2-28 - | # | - | - | 55.04 |
| 2001-02 | F2-27L2-29 29.50 | - | 36 40.50 | 34.17+ | 38.31 |

# Crop Holiday

+ Auction in progress in A.P.
Source : Tobacco Board, Guntur

(f) & (g): The production, curing and auction of FCV tobacco is subject to control by the Tobacco Board.The Board fixes the crop size for each State, registers growers and curers and conducts auctions at which registered manufacturers, dealers and exporters participate.

(h)-(j): No, Sir. The Tobacco Board does not have any regional office in Orissa. There is no proposal at present for opening an office in that State.

Flue Cured Virginia Tobacco

(Area in 000 hectares; Production in M.Kgs.; Productivity in Kgs. per hectare)

| State | 1999-2000 | | | 2000-01 | | | 2001-02 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Area | Prod | Produc-tivity | Area | Prod | Produc-tivity | Area | Prod | Productivity |
| Andhra Pradesh | 128.2 | 134.24 | 1046 | - | - | - | 87.34 | 114.73 | 1313 |
| Karnataka | 51.9 | 45.21 | 869 | 40.0 | 41.98 | 1049 | 41.6 | 57.68 | 1384 |
| Maharashtra | 0.1 | 0.12 | 1008 | - | - | - | 0.1 | 0.11 | 982 |
| Orissa | 0.3 | 0.50 | 1449 | 0.4 | 0.72 | 1545 | 0.4 | 0.76 | 1577 |

Source: Tobacco Board, Guntur

Non-Flue Cured Virginia Tobacco

(Area in 000 hectares; Production in M.Kgs.; Productivity in Kgs. per hectare)

| State | 1999-2000 | | | 2000-01 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Area | Production | Productivity | Area | Production | Productivity |
| Andhra Pradesh | 42.6 | 59.8 | 1404 | 13.0 | 29.9 | 2300 |
| Assam | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1000 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 462 |
| Bihar | 17.4 | 17.6 | 1011 | 17.4 | 17.6 | 1011 |
| Gujarat | 110.6 | 103.7 | | 87.8 | 148.6 | |
| Maharashtra | 9.2 | 11.0 | 1196 | 8.1 | 8.1 | 1000 |
| Orissa | 7.4 | 4.6 | 622 | 4.0 | 2.0 | 500 |
| Tamil Nadu | 7.7 | 11.9 | 1545 | 5.9 | 9.2 | 1559 |
| U.P. | 18.1 | 126.5 | 6989 | 21.7 | 148.9 | 6862 |
| West Bengal | 11.0 | 6.2 | 566 | 10.4 | 5.5 | 529 |

Source: Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture

Non-Flue Cured Virginia Tobacco

(Area in 000 hectares; Production in M.Kgs.; Productivity in Kgs. per hectare)

| Variety | 1997-98 | | | 1998-99 | | | 1999-2000 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Area | Prod | Produc-tivity | Area | Prod | Produc-tivity | Area | Prod | Produc-tivity |
| Natu | 45 | 50 | 1111 | 42.80 | 61 | 1425 | 29.80 | 37.70 | 1265 |
| Bidi | 135.10 | 204.10 | 1512 | 140.20 | 127.90 | 912 | 136.70 | 125.90 | 921 |
| Hookah | 35.20 | 64.40 | 1830 | 69.50 | 165,.60 | 2383 | 66.60 | 158.40 | 2378 |
| Cigar & Cheroot | 8.50 | 11.30 | 1329 | 10.60 | 23.90 | 2255 | 8.80 | 20.30 | 2307 |
| Chewing | 51 | 139.20 | 2729 | 52.40 | 150.40 | 2870 | 47.30 | 128.40 | 2715 |
| Snuff | 8.20 | 9.30 | 1134 | 9.60 | 20.20 | 2104 | 7.80 | 16.90 | 2167 |

Source: Directorate of Tobacco Development, Chennai